Trump, Zelensky To Discuss 'Next Steps' After Putin Call: Live Updates

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is set to speak with U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday to discuss Trump's recent call with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The conversation comes after Putin agreed to a temporary halt on striking Ukraine's energy infrastructure, although Zelensky has questioned the sincerity of the agreement, citing continued drone attacks.

What to Know:

- Zelensky announced the planned conversation during a press conference in Helsinki with Finnish President Alexander Stubb.He expressed skepticism over Putin's agreement, highlighting that the situation on the ground remains volatile.Zelensky stressed that territorial concessions remain a red line for Ukraine and will be a difficult point in any future negotiations.The call is expected to address next steps following Trump's outreach to Putin.Ukraine continues to experience drone strikes despite Russia's supposed ceasefire commitment.

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Commercial fishermen across the U.S. say that the federal funding they relied on to upgrade to lower-carbon emission systems has been frozen or rescinded due to budget cuts by President Donald Trump's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

The cuts impact funding for replacing outdated diesel engines and at-sea refrigeration systems—projects that environmentalists argue would reduce the seafood industry's carbon footprint.

Many are now scrambling to find alternative financing to complete projects they had already started with the expectation of government support.

The decarbonization of the fishing fleet has been a growing priority in recent years.

According to a 2016 study published in Marine Policy, fishing vessels globally emitted more than 200 million tons of carbon dioxide. While this is lower than agricultural emissions, it remains a significant contributor to global warming.

With worsening storms and 2024 recorded as the hottest year in history, reducing fossil fuel dependence across industries has been critical in climate change mitigation efforts, scientists say.

However, transitioning to climate-friendly equipment can cost fishermen tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars, prompting many to seek financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

DOGE, established to cut waste and fraud in federal spending, has targeted these agencies for reductions, leaving some fishermen without the financial support they had counted on.

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U.S. President Donald Trump (R) and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky meet in the Oval Office at the White House on February 28, 2025 in Washington, DC.

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